

## TO THE VOTERS OF CHARITON COUNTY:

I respectfully ask that this letter be accepted as a personal appeal to you and to each voter connected with your households—men and women, alike.

During the time I have had the honor of serving you in Congress, many perplexing legislative problems have arisen. Congress has enacted many wise, progressive and beneficial measures looking to the utmost welfare of the whole people and several Constitutional Amendments have been submitted to the states, among them amendments changing the manner of electing Senators of the United States and extending the ballot to women. In executing the trust you repose in me, I have actively advocated and voted for all measures, which, in my judgment, would be beneficial to our Nation. Especially have I been active and zealous in support of all measures pertaining to the interests of those engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Though the contests for nomination have been frequent sometimes spirited, it gives me a great deal of satisfaction to remind you that no opponent has ever assailed my official record. With presenting any charges against me, or against the integrity of my services, you are urged and invited to bring about my defeat for the sole and only purpose of gratifying the political ambition of another. It has been my endeavor at all times to render you, that character of service which you have the right to expect from one who has been chosen as your official representative, and which would entitle me to your support.

My belief is that loyal and devoted service does not entitle me to reprobation at your hand in the absence of some logical reason therefor.

My appeal for your support is based on the services rendered. If my efforts have been satisfactory to you, I shall gratefully appreciate your vote and active influence. May I present faithful performance of my duties in the past as a guarantee of my devotion to the welfare of my country, my party and my constituents in the future? If you should see fit to again honor me, I shall continue to discharge my duties and obligations in such manner as to merit your approval and continued confidence.

It is my sincere hope that at the coming primary, all men and women who approve my work will give me their cordial support, and if successful I shall, in the future as in the past, serve you with promptness, efficiency, and fidelity, and so guard my actions that no man or woman shall have cause to regret the confidence reposed in me.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain, very truly yours  
W. W. RUCKER.

## MUST PAY FOR PAPER

Judge James Ellison of the Kansas City Court of Appeals handed down the following decision in the case of O. D. Austin of Bates county, Record vs. Burge, other members concurring and published in 137 S. W. S. Rep. P. 168.

"The preparation and publication of newspapers involves much mental and physical labor as well as an outlay of money. One who accepts the paper by continuously taking it from the postoffice receives a benefit and pleasure from such labor and expenditures as fully as if he had appropriated any other product of another's labor and by such act he must be held liable for subscription price.

Judge George Thomas of Columbus, Ohio, reaffirmed this principle in a suit brought by the Columbus Telegram against a subscriber for \$2.35. The Telegram had been sent to the defendant's home and he had accepted the paper. When a bill was presented he refused to pay it and suit was brought. After hearing the evidence Judge Thomas instructed the jury to bring a verdict for the Telegram upon the common law that what a man received and used he was bound to pay for.

When a publisher of a newspaper forwards it regularly by mail, directed to one who takes it from the postoffice but, who refuses, upon demand, to pay at the usual times and rates, denying that he is a subscriber but continues thereafter to receive the paper as before giving no further notice to the publisher the law will imply a promise to pay according to the usual terms. One who receives and retains a newspaper regularly sent to him is bound to pay for it.—Newspaper law by W. W. Loomis.

## RALPH LOZIER AT LINNEUS

Ralph Lozier showed another one of his "sinking" spells at Linneus, at a public speaking affair last Friday night. It seemed that he forgot a certain meeting where he stated certain things in connection with the Hon. W. W. Rucker. It happened Mr. Rucker was in the audience on that particular occasion, and he arose in his might and righteous indignation and contradicted Mr. Lozier. This was in the 1916 campaign. Again last Friday he made the same statement, and the Linneus Bulletin, one of Judge Rucker's strongest newspaper backers came out in the last issue as follows: It is good reading, right to the point, and the Courier is glad to reproduce:

"The thing that surprised us most however, in Mr. Lozier's talk was his reference to the little controversy which arose between him and Congressman Rucker on the platform in the Linneus Park in their campaign of 1916 and in which he claimed last night, that the records supported him in his contention that Judge Rucker did not introduce in the House and engineer through that body the bill making the popular election of U. S. Senators a part of the constitution of the United States. Mr. Lozier is exceedingly forgetful if he does not remember that when in making his speech on that 1916 occasion he challenged Judge Rucker's right to the claim of being the author of that measure, whereupon Judge Rucker arose to his feet and told Mr. Lozier in the presence of that big audience, that if the congressional records did not support him in his claim of being author of the bill he would immediately withdraw from the congressional race, whereupon the congressional record was consulted, then and there, and the correctness of Judge Rucker's claim was sustained by it in the presence of that big audience. We are not only surprised but amazed that Mr. Lozier would refer to that circumstance in the presence of people who were present when it occurred and witnessed the vindication of Judge Rucker's position by the congressional record. Furthermore we will call the reader's attention to the leading editorial on page two of this paper in which appear quotations from William Jennings Bryan, who as Secretary of State signed the document and from Floor Leader Claude K. Kitchen, and ask you whom do you consider the best authority in the premises, Lawyer Lozier or former Secretary of State Bryan and Democratic Floor Leader Kitchen."

The Courier also produces on page two the statements as referred to by the Linneus Bulletin.

## HOW MANY HAS HE

SPANKED?

With no intent to be personal at all—but just seeking for information—how many babies of his own has Jim Reed ever spanked? One might judge from his ridicule of women who never spanked a baby of their own that his household shelters a large and constantly increasing family. Anybody ever hear of Jim Reed's babies?—Gallatin Democrat.

## FOR SUPREME JUDGE



Every Democratic voter in Chariton County should vote for Judge John T. White for Supreme Judge. He is widely endorsed by Democrats in all business and professional lines. His candidacy meets an almost universal approval with business men, doctors, working men, judges and lawyers. With Judge White on the ticket the opportunities for Democratic victory in November will be decidedly increased.

Andy Binford of Chicago, Ill., arrived Tuesday for a visit with his friends.

## Republicans attempting to vote the Democratic Ticket in the Primary will be sworn to support ALL of the Democrat nominees in November.

### THE LAW IN REGARD TO PRIMARY ELECTION

Section 4836 of Article 30 of Revised Statutes of Missouri 1919. Who entitled to vote. No person shall be entitled to vote at any primary unless a qualified elector of the precinct and duly registered therein, if registration thereat be required by law, and known to affiliate with the political party named at the head of the ticket he calls for, and attempts to vote, or obligates himself to support the nominees of said party at the following general election.

Section 4855 of Article 30 of Revised Statutes of Missouri 1919—Any person violating any of the provisions or requirements of this article for which no other or different punishment is prescribed shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county or city jail for a term not exceeding six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

### WILLIAM M. OAKERSON



Democratic Candidate for State Superintendent of Public Schools

Experience, qualifications and endorsement. Served as teacher in rural schools, superintendent of city and county schools, instructor in Normal school, assistant State Superintendent

### MAN AND FAMILY DROVE INTO MISSOURI RIVER

The Sunday Moberly Globe Democrat gives the following account of a drowning in the Missouri River, on account of the wash of the road bed by the river, and also, because those responsible did not see that the road at that place was blocked so that such a thing could not happen.

"A man by the name of Sanders, with his wife and two children, in a Ford car, drove into the Missouri river Saturday night at about 9 o'clock at a point about five miles south of Dalton.

The wife and two children were drowned. The man succeeded in reaching shore in safety.

The accident occurred at a point where the river had cut into the bank and it being dark, the driver did not realize the danger until it was too late.

Mrs. Sanders was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Miller of Brunswick.

### of Public Schools for four years.

Educated in Normal schools, University of Missouri, teachers College, N. Y., and long successful experience.

Served as president of Missouri State Teachers' Association, treasurer Missouri State Teachers' Association, President and member of Missouri State Reading Circle Board, Secretary Missouri State Pupils' Reading Circle, Phi Delta Kappa, etc.

His candidacy is in response to requests from many county and city superintendents and other educators. Many members of the State Democratic Committee and other leading Democrats have endorsed his candidacy.

He has always made good and will add strength to the Democratic party ticket in November.

### FARM BUREAU NOTES

#### Four-Day Farm Tour Planned For Next Week

Arrangements are being completed for a visit to about 35 or 40 farms in Chariton County next week commencing August 25th.

This tour of farm visits is planned for the purpose of permitting farmers to visit other farms in various parts of the county who are trying to grow good pure bred live stock and alfalfa

### THE LAST CHAPTER OF THE STERNER SHOOTING CASE

Formal charges of interference with federal officers in making an arrest were dismissed in the case of the sixteen men who were arrested in a gambling house at the Sharpshooters' Park, from which a shot was fired, fatally wounding Prohibition Agent Charles Sterner, a member of Gus O. Nations' squad, during a liquor raid on the place June 18th.

The men appeared for preliminary hearing Thursday afternoon before United States Commissioner Atkins. Atkins announced that the government's charges had been dropped for lack of evidence. Nations stated that he was continuing the investigation, but that the evidence already gathered did not warrant holding the men under bonds. He said that new charges would be filed in case further information was obtained.

The liquor charges against the men remain, and the preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Berry had been set for August 15.

Sterner was shot from a window in an outbuilding in which the sixteen men were alleged to have been gambling while the federal agents were searching the saloon for liquor. He died a week later. A St. Louis coroner's jury failed to fix the responsibility for the shooting.

and soy beans more or less successfully.

Here is a chance for farmers to learn just how their neighbors in Chariton County are trying to do these things. Of course, they are not all successful, but by visiting these farms we may get a lot of ideas how difficulties are overcome.

The first day will be spent in the vicinity of Salisbury, starting next Wednesday morning, Aug. 2 at 9:00 a. m. at the farm of Mr. Leach and Mr. Blakey near Shannondale. Our old friend and neighbor, Mr. Sam Jordan will be with us in the afternoon and will make an address probably at the farm of Wilbur Hutchinson's at 1:30 p. m. The afternoon will be spent visiting other farms in that part of the county.

On Thursday we will start near Keytesville at the farm of Uriah Mason where we will look at his short-horns and Poland Chinas. The remainder of the day will be spent traveling in the vicinity of Dalton and Brunswick. Mr. Jordan will speak at the farm of Mr. Sam Jordan's north of Brunswick at 1:00 o'clock. On Friday we will visit farms in the neighborhood of Mendon and Sumner starting Friday morning at the farm of Freeman Kinkade.

Saturday will be spent in the vicinity of Rothville and Sumner visiting some of the best dairy herds in this part of the state.

We hope that a large number of farmers will take advantage of this opportunity to look over the farms in the county where other folks are making an effort to do a few things well.

Come on, let's go, and make this tour worth while.

Call the Farm Bureau office at Keytesville for definite information.

### HERTLE BRALEY, IN POOR HEALTH KILLS SELF

Despondent because of ill health, and fearful that he was losing control of his mental faculties, Hertle Braley, aged 40 years, took his own life about 5 o'clock last Saturday morning, at the home of a sister, Mrs. John Raw, 324 East Lake street.

The act of self destruction was evidently carefully planned. The unfortunate man rose early, before the rest of the family was up, and going quietly into the kitchen, took the 10-gauge shot gun belonging to his young nephew, Tony Raw. Placing the muzzle against his right temple, he discharged the weapon, the load of shot tearing through the top of his head. The family heard the noise of his fall and the sound of the gun simultaneously, and when they rushed into the kitchen Braley was gasping for breath, being unable to speak after firing the shot.

Mr. Braley, who is a coal miner, was injured in the mine at Waverly, so it is reported, and last winter an operation was performed on him. Afterward he underwent a second operation. He had four sons and one daughter, the oldest son, Clarence, being 15 year old. This son lived with an aunt, Mrs. John Mitchell, at Bucklin, and Braley was endeavoring to care for the other children at Waverly. He came to Marceline July 4, and has been with his sister since, Mrs. Raw endeavoring to care for the children as best she could, being handicapped by poor eyesight.

Braley's poor health and worry about the children are supposed to have unbalanced his mind, and he brooded over it continually, having complained recently of a bad headache which he could not relieve. Five sisters are left, Mrs. John Raw

### THE LAWYER

An expression from one of America's foremost ministers—"The lawyer is the constituted guardian, the sworn minister of justice, all classes of men come alike under the mantle of his protection. Life, liberty, honor and estate all in their turn, are committed to his trust. He is under the bow of the truest knight-errantry, going forth armed with knowledge and virtue to address all human wrongs. The prisoner waits for him to unlock the door of his dungeon and restore him once more the joys of freedom. The criminal in the dock hangs in the dreadful suspense between life and death, upon his eloquence; to relieve him from the scaffold. The fatherless and the widow appeal to him for protection against the perjury which would violate the most sacred of trusts, and turn them out to beggary and want. He plucks the fangs from beneath the tongue of slander, when it would stain the honor of the good and poison the very life of life itself. He unravels the plot of avarice and cunning of malice, treachery and revenge when these dire passions form their foul conspiracy against the peace and happiness of our homes. The whisper of long hidden guilt and the sadder story of wrong which cannot be avenged pour their confidence into his ear; and the secret anguish of dark and bitter tears is laid bare to his inspection. When all these passages of human life have been trodden he stands at the very portals of eternity and shares the funeral experiences of a dying hour. His hand traces the last will and testament in which love looks back as from beyond the tomb, to shield the objects of its fond solicitude."

In view of all this dependence what other class of men are entitled to as high a degree of respect, confidence and esteem as the LAWYER?

### The Candidate for Circuit Judge

Considered from all viewpoints the selection of a circuit judge is the most important so far as the rank and file of the citizens of this district are concerned that will devolve upon the voters at next Tuesday's election.

The Circuit Judge should be calm, deliberate, unbiased and absolutely fair as a man; he should be as well or better versed in the knowledge of law as the lawyers who are trying cases before him, otherwise he cannot protect the interests of litigants, nor the interests of the taxpayers, in keeping down exorbitant costs in civil and criminal cases.

The average voter is ordinarily not in a position to determine the fitness and qualifications of a candidate for a judicial position. If you were about to undergo a serious surgical operation you would naturally take the advice of your family physician in whom you have confidence. If you were going to build a house you would have an experienced carpenter or architect figure the plans and the cost. If you were making a business venture and were unfamiliar with the business you would seek the advice of some person who had expert knowledge of that business. The selection of a Circuit Judge is real business for everybody. No man knows what day he may have an important civil or criminal suit brought against him in the Circuit Court. Naturally in such an event he would want a competent judge on the bench.

One of the candidates for Circuit Judge has been telling the voters of this district that ALL of the lawyers are opposed to him.

ALL of the lawyers say that this one candidate is not qualified in temperament, or in legal ability and knowledge of the law, to fill the position. They say the other candidate is.

Before you vote for Circuit Judge next Tuesday why don't you, as a matter of good judgment and in the exercise of good sense, ask some lawyer in whom you have confidence enough to trust your business affairs to tell you why he is for one of the candidates and against the other. It can't be true that ALL of the lawyers are against this one candidate because of prejudice. Would it not be a good business policy to find out about the matter before you vote?

You take your lawyer's advice and consult his judgment where your liberty is involved, where your property rights are involved, in writing your will, in making provision for your wife and family when you are gone. There is nothing too important, too sacred or too confidential to discuss with your lawyer. Why not discuss this matter with him?

—Communicated.

Mrs. B. McElwain and Mrs. Jas. Pierson of Marceline, Mrs. Isaac Howe of Longmont, Col. and Mrs. John Mitchell of Bucklin. The only brother was Smith Braley of Milan.

The wife of the deceased man had, it seems, deserted him some time since, and left the children in his care. He had been trying to take care of them when the injury occurred and to a certain extent incapacitated him in many ways. People who have been associated with him at Waverly speak in the highest terms of the man, and were shocked to learn of his unfortunate end.

Monday the John Alspaugh family was pleasantly surprised by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Temple and four children of Washington, D. C. They are motoring through to the Yellowstone Park. Mr. Temple stayed in the Jordan home and attended school when he was a boy, and it was